



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7158**

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UMBILICAL  
CORD BLOOD BANK FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before October  
2 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health shall contract, through a  
3 request for proposal process, with one or more public umbilical cord  
4 blood banks for a public cord blood collection operation within this  
5 state to collect, transport, process and store cord blood units from  
6 Connecticut residents for therapeutic and research purposes. The  
7 commissioner shall award the contract to the umbilical cord blood  
8 bank whose proposal is most advantageous to the state, as determined  
9 by the commissioner. No contract shall be awarded under this section  
10 to an umbilical cord blood bank unless the bank (1) is accredited as a  
11 public umbilical cord blood bank by one of the national accrediting  
12 organizations recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services  
13 Administration, and (2) has demonstrated compliance with applicable  
14 federal Food and Drug Administration requirements.

15 (b) Any such contract shall contain provisions requiring the public  
16 umbilical cord blood bank to: (1) Establish and operate one or more  
17 collection sites within the state to collect a targeted number of cord  
18 blood units; (2) implement collection procedures designed to collect  
19 cord blood units that reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity; (3)

20 set up public cord blood collection operations not later than six months  
 21 after execution of the contract, provided the umbilical cord blood bank  
 22 is able to negotiate any necessary contracts related to the collection  
 23 sites within that time frame; (4) participate in the National Cord Blood  
 24 Coordinating Center or similar national cord blood inventory center by  
 25 listing cord blood units in a manner that assures maximum  
 26 opportunity for use; (5) have a program that provides cord blood units  
 27 for research and agree to provide cord blood units that are unsuitable  
 28 for therapeutic use to researchers located within the state at no charge;  
 29 and (6) maintain national accreditation by an accrediting organization  
 30 recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services  
 31 Administration.

32 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a  
 33 contracting public umbilical cord blood bank from requesting an  
 34 investment from this state to support collection, transporting,  
 35 processing and banking of cord blood units, provided a provision is  
 36 included in the contract requiring the public umbilical cord blood bank  
 37 to distribute to the state a proportionate amount of funds generated  
 38 from the sale of cord blood units, either from the public umbilical cord  
 39 blood bank's general inventory or from the inventory of cord blood  
 40 units collected within the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section
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**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.